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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1653**



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In re Application of: Hillman et al.

Title: NOVEL HUMAN INTEGRAL MEMBRANE PROTEIN

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SECOND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action of September 25, 2000 and the Advisory Action dated December 4, 2000. Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as indicated below. For the Examiner's convenience, the non-amended pending claims are also listed below.

1. (Twice Amended.) A substantially purified polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- a) an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1,
- b) a naturally occurring amino acid sequence having at least 90% sequence identity to an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1,